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Dear Ted:

I was highly honored and delighted to receive your formal notice of my selection to receive the 1965 James Forrestal Memorial Award. It is indeed a splendid award, and I feel most grateful and humble that the Association deemed me worthy to receive it.

It is noted that the recipient of the award customarily delivers the principal address. It is the policy, however, under which the Director of Central Intelligence lives, that he shall make no speeches other than to the National War College, etc. In this case, though, I shall try to see what can be done to make such an address if another speaker cannot be obtained.

I shall be interested to hear your reaction to this latter point.

It was indeed heartwarming to me to hear your cheerful and friendly voice the other evening and may Mildred and I take this opportunity to send to you and Rosalie and all of the Berner family Season's Greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

W. F. Raborn

Mr. T. R. Berner, Chairman  
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Vice Admiral William F. Raborn, USN (Ret)  
Director  
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McLean, Virginia

Dear Admiral Raborn:

It is my great privilege and pleasure to advise you that you have been selected to receive the 1965 James Forrestal Memorial Award, created in 1954 by the National Security Industrial Association to provide recognition to that American who has most effectively applied Mr. Forrestal's ideals to the concepts and requirements of national security.

Here are a few of the good reasons why you were selected for this honor:

During World War II you were decorated for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the Japanese enemy.

As Director of Special Projects, you were responsible for the research and development of the Navy's submarine launched Fleet Ballistic Missile System, - the Polaris, - in the course of which you implemented the Program Evaluation Group Technique, now known as PERT. The widespread adoption of this method by large sections of American industry reflected your keen perception and resourcefulness. Your dynamic leadership was the motivating factor in the successful accomplishment of this important task when the operational readiness of the System was proved by launching two Polaris missiles from the ocean depths in 1960. This deterrent signaled an historical contribution to the military strength of our country.

The members of the Association and their guests will gather to honor you on the evening of Thursday, the 24th of March, 1966, at The Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D. C. The dinner, for which the dress will be black tie, will be preceded by a reception in your honor. All details relative to the event will be provided you as they develop. The members of the Award Committee acted unanimously, and we know that your election will be greeted with universal approval.

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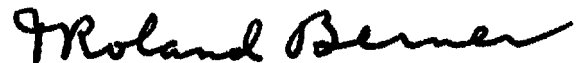
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It is customary for the recipient of the award to deliver the principal address of the evening. The audience will represent a cross-section of American industry and a most exceptional forum for such expressions as you might wish to make.

We shall look forward to receiving, at your early convenience, your acceptance of this invitation to receive the highest award which the Association is empowered to give.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "T. R. Berner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "T".

T. R. Berner, Chairman  
James Forrestal Memorial Award Committee